

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 9, 2010

**SUBJECT: Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)
Curriculum**

AGENDA ITEM: 10

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Shalinee Hunter

Summary:

This agenda item requests the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board approve the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (SACJJDP) recommendation to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the University of California, (U.C.) Berkeley to develop DMC curriculum/training modules for statewide use.

Background:

As a result of increased attention toward DMC and the complex needs of state and local agencies, including but not limited to law enforcement, the Division of Juvenile Parole Operations and Probation (Probation Officer Core training), the Corrections Standards Authority is in need of standardized DMC curriculum/training modules in order to better effect the reduction of disparities consistently across youth serving systems. As such, and at the direction of the SACJJDP, preliminary discussions have taken place with the U.C. Berkeley School of Law-Center for Criminal Justice regarding an Interagency Agreement whereby the University would be tasked with developing the curriculum and corresponding educational tools (e.g., Train-the-Trainer manuals and related media). If approved, U.C. staff will be required to utilize a participatory process that will include subject matter experts from around the state and members of the SACJJDP -DMC Subcommittee.

CSA staff has collaborated with U.C. Berkeley staff to draft a proposed scope of work (Attachment A) and budget (Attachment B) for the purposes of developing the DMC curriculum/training modules for use across the state. Both documents were subsequently reviewed and approved by both the DMC Subcommittee June 16, 2010 and the SACJJDP August, 11, 2010. Upon approval by the CSA Board, staff can proceed with completing the draft Interagency Agreement with an estimated completion date of February 2011.

Recommendation/Action Needed: Staff is recommending the CSA Board approve the recommendation of the SACJJDP to proceed with development of an Interagency Agreement with U.C. Berkeley to develop DMC curriculum/training modules.